

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 580

By Doggett

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Waylon H. Denton for his military service during the Korean War.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tennessee have, throughout the years, been called upon to take up arms against the enemies of this great nation, risking their lives and leaving their loved ones behind to honorably safeguard the freedoms and liberties guaranteed to all citizens of these United States and vanquishing those who threaten our way of life; and

WHEREAS, while the heroic deeds of Tennesseans have been extolled throughout the history of our State and nation, the distinguished military service of every proud Tennessean should be illuminated, shared, and properly honored; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Waylon H. Denton, a gallant veteran of the United States Army who served with distinction during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, while home on furlough in June 1950, Corporal Waylon Denton received orders to return to his company at Fort Eustis, Virginia, as soon as possible; after his arrival, his troop boarded a train and was sent to Camp Stoneman, California, from which they flew to Camp Drake, Japan, and then on to Pusan, Korea; and

WHEREAS, a locomotive mechanic, Corporal Denton remained in Pusan for two months before being sent to Taegu, where he served as part of Company C, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Division, which was almost destroyed over the next three to four months; and

WHEREAS, during his service with Company C, Corporal Denton entered combat and was wounded twice, and he saw firsthand the suffering of the South Korean people and the sorrow, pain, and evil of communism; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Denton was awarded a number of medals, ribbons, and commendations for his service to our country, including the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Korean Service Medal with Silver Star, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Combat Infantry Badge, and the Japan Occupation Medal; and

WHEREAS, devoted to his family, Waylon Denton enjoys the love and support of his beloved wife, to whom he was married on May 31, 1952, and their three children, six grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, while no offering can properly relay our gratitude for his bravery and dedication to preserving the blessed freedom that is inseparable from our American heritage and ideals, it is most appropriate that we should honor Mr. Denton to the full extent of our ability, as he has made untold and innumerable sacrifices to preserve the liberties we enjoy today; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Waylon Denton for his courageous service to our nation during the Korean War as one of Tennessee's most heroic citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.